Rec April 8th
Ans May 12

ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL,
(ILLINOIS.)

April 1st 1878

My dear Sir.

Trusting that Dr. C.C. Parry, when last visiting you on his way to Mexico, has somewhat prepared the way to an introduction to you, I take the liberty of addressing you these few lines. — I have hunted the world over for a bulb of "Amaryllis Solandraeflora (Lindl) or rather a more correctly Hippeastrum Solandraeflorum (Hb.) a native of Trinidad, but have so far without success. In Holland, Hamburg Berlin, Liege, Gand, Paris & London the florists don't have it, and I am at loss to know what to do about it. Finally it struck me that possibly it might perchance be at Shaw's bot. gardens, and so concluded to write to you about it, and find out if the above Hippeastrum is in Mr. Shaw's Collection & if a bulb might be purchased from that institution. I would be greatly obliged to you for giving me information on this subject. I have quite an extensive collection of (39 spec.) Amaryllis, Brunsvigias, Hippeastrum, Nerine etc etc and also of the (57 species) "Lilium" and I am for several reasons

very anxious of securing a good bulb of it, or of one of its varieties, such as H. carnellam, H. longam & H. magnificum.

I presume you hear from time to time from our good F. Parry and his whereabouts, and will therefor not take up any of your time unnecessarily on that topic. I will be glad to have the doctor back here again.

Very Truely Yours,

W. Otto Groner C.E.

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It would give me a great deal of pleasure to see a list of Amaryllis and its relatives, that are represented at your gardens. —

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Rock Island Arsenal,

Illinois,

May 22nd, 1878.

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My dear Sir.

Your very kind letter of the 12th inst. together with the scraps on "Amaryllids" & papers on "Agave" have been received. I am greatly indebted to you for the trouble of clipping those articles from your paper, as they contain much valuable matter of interest in such a brief form. The papers on "Agave" have been carefully read, and as carefully added to the bulk of my Amaryllidaceous literature. They are of great interest to me, especially since Parry has succeeded in creating quite an appetite for agaves in me. I have for the last two years amused myself by raising from Agave seeds, received from Parry quite a number of pretty plants - mostly A. deserti & Utahensis. Any seeds of any other spec. of this curious genus would be quite acceptable, especially "Shawii"! - and I should like to say right here, that I should be greatly obliged for any other publi-
cation

on similar subjects, that you may choose to have for distribution - especially such, containing illustrations; as I anticipate to be seriously pressed into the service in the direction of bot. illustrations, after Parry's returns from Mexico.

The bulbs of Cooperia pet. have also arrived in excellent condition, for which please accept my thanks. I only fear that you have robbed yourselves, in parting with this rare plant. There are however several young bulbs attached to the old one, and I shall take pleasure in returning one in time to you in a good condition.

Parry seems to be in excellent spirits — have just rec.d Postal from him, — also two packages with bulbs.

For the past few days I have been very busy with the lithographic drawing of „Lilium Parryi", of which I presume the doctor spoke to you. After a complete failure to use this new paper transfer process, which would invariably blur the picture, I decided to draw the figures directly on the stone, and I think this will make a very good figure - considering my

first attempt in this business. I should like very much to please Parry, by having this illustration as good as possible, as this lily seems to be a special pet of his. As soon as proofs can be had will send you one, with the request of returning a merciless criticism on the work —— for future reference.

As it may perchance interest you, I append herewith a list of what I possess in the Amaryllis line.

With the expectation of hearing from you again

I am very truly yours

W. Otto Gronen.

I Amarillideae.

Amaryllis.	Atamasco	Zephyr.
"	Ackermannii splendens	Hipp.
"	Aulica platypetala	Amaryll.
"	Belladonna Major	"
"	Candida	Zephyr.
"	Cleopatra	Hipp.
"	Conspicua	?
"	Coranica	Ammocharis
"	curvifolia	Nerine
"	falcata	Ammocharis
"	formosissima	Sprekelia
"	fulgens	Hippeastrum
"	Gigantea	Brunsvigia Josephinæ
"	Graeveana	Hipp. —
"	Imperialis (v. Houtte.)	" —
"	Johnsonii	" —
"	Johnsonii grandifl.	" —
"	longifolia	Crinum capense
	lutea	Sternbergia

Amaryllis	marginata	?
"	Pallas Athene (van Houtte)	Hippeastr.
"	Prince of Orange	" —
"	Princeps	? C. S. Sargent
"	Reginae	Hipp.
"	rosea	Zephyr.
"	reticulata obtusifol.	Hipp.
"	Sarniensis	Nerine
"	Treatii	Zephyr.
"	Undulata	" —
"	purpurea	Vallota —
"	purpurea splendens	" —
"	Vittata rubra	Hipp —
"	" splendens	" —
"	Tettanii (robusta)	" —

Ismene	Amancas	Pancratium maritimum
"	Calatina	" sp.
"	Macleana	Coburgia nobilis
"	splendens	Cooperia pedunculata

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Amaryllideae

Imatophyllum miniatum
Crinum amabile angustifol.

Liliaceae.

Lilium atrosanguineum
" auratum
" Brownii
" bulbiferum
" canadense rubrum
" canadense flav. rub.
" " spec. (C. S. Sargent)
" candidum
" chalcedonicum
" columbianum
" coridion
" concolor
" cordifolium
" davuricum
" excelsum
" eximium
" Humboldtii
" Longiflorum
" Parryi
" Pardalinum
" Parvum
" Philadelphicum
" Praecox (jap).
" Speciosum album (lancifol.)
" " roseum
" " rubrum
" " Melpomene
" " monstrosum
" " japon. album
" Superbum
" Tenuifolium
" Thunbergianum bicolor
" " citrinum
" " atrosang. grandifl.
" " staminosum

Lilium. ligrinum
" " fl. pl.
" Umbellatum - many var.
" Washingtonianum
" Lichtleini.

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